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Clatsop Co. Commissioners

Regarding STR's in Cove Beach

I do not understand how you county commissioners, who hopefully listened to and read ALL of the testimony from those of us who have lived in Cove Beach/Falcon Cove for so many years, can conscionably vote for changing our CR Zone rules. You cannot possibly misunderstand the passion with which we have objected to your intentions. These are rules that will continue to allow commercial uses without hearings from our community members. Rules that will punish us residents for mistakes you made when you allowed STRs into our community. We, who were diligent years ago when our public involvement helped to curtail the continuance of building homes on small lots when the land hadn't the capacity for septic disposal (many have holding tanks now), roads were rural, (as they still are and will remain so), no sidewalks, and no street lights. We had nowhere to grow, only infill, and this community based its planning recommendations on the capabilities of the land. (Have you concerned commissioners ever visited here, looked at the slides, the roads, the space)? The representative from this community does not seem to be interested in representing those of us who live here. Does she intend to apply for a STR since she doesn't live here?

The fact is this community gets nothing for having STRs. The tax Clatsop County gets for having allowed these businesses does not come here. We get the brunt of strangers and the privilege of picking up after them. And if we complain, we have to prove our complaints or we will be sited and we have to pay for the services of the person who checks on the complaints.

Now, you seem to be ignoring us and catering to those who have businesses here that you allowed.

You must put a cap on the number of businesses that operate in this community. Many live on limited income and have difficulty affording the county taxes put on their property as it is. It's a bureaucratic merry-go-round. It looks to be an inconvenience to the planning director and the commission to be able to write an ordinance that fits the Cove Beach community which is entirely different from the other unincorporated communities.

Apologies for such bluntness, impoliteness and direction but I have been through this for almost 50 years now and resent our community being so ignored and misused.